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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Jeffrey Siew
NOBUKO YAMAMOTO ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1637
Application No.: 09/942,588)	
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Filed: August 31, 2001)	
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For: SCREENING METHOD FOR)	
GENE VARIATION	:	January 10, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated September 10, 2002 for one (1) month from December 10, 2002 to January 10, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by

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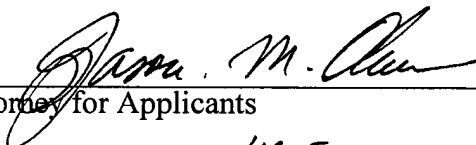
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Respectfully submitted,



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